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## U.S. Biathlon Team Is Looking For A Home...

Last week with the cast of a vote the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) may have given the U.S. Biathlon team a new home. Thursday morning the SLOC chose Soldier Hollow on the Wasatch Mountain State Park as the venue site for the 2002 cross-country skiing, nordic combined and biathlon events.

While the U.S. Cross-Country and Nordic Combined have a place or two to call home for their year-round training, the Biathlon team continues searching. The team had hoped that the Soldier Hollow site would have been chosen earlier this year and were hoping to use it for their Olympic Trials leading up to their trip to Nagano, Japan, next February.

Due to the wait, for the announcement, the U.S. Biathlon team will be holding their Olympic Trials in Canada. The announcement couldn't come fast enough for the team without a home.

What would it mean U.S. Biathlon team? Could train for the biathlon, their work here in Wasatch would be the time spent around hundreds of targets to be made on the hillsides.

Besides the skiing there is a range and stadium area where work on their marksman skills and the heavy workouts of strength training.

Winter is not the only season to train. The idea is to train on roller skis or in the months. The shooting needs to be black, the athletes will be going through boxes of targets.

The athletes can train on boards strapped to their feet to build up in the summer season. This comes from running the hills of Soldier Hollow. With each five miles at the range to unload at the stadium.

With a Fine Round of 75, Summerhays Ties For Third Closer to State Title Than Ever

Senior Wasp golfer Carrie Summerhays is making history as the first and only girl to make the state team. In a field as the only female competitor, she showed why she is one of the states' top golfers. She won the meet at Carbon last week.

"Course knowledge is so important to me," said Summerhays. "I am grateful to my coach Rod Reavley of the only Wasp to make the team this year. "A round or two on the course before the meet helped me prepare," she said.

This would prove to be the speed bump in her quest for the state title for Summerhays. Starting out with some holes, it wasn't until Carrie got the first hole in the bag that she made a run in the back nine. Four birds in a row put her back into the thick of things going down the stretch.

It all came down to the last hole. A tee shot that just caught the rough put Summerhays in a bogey. A par on 18, and a round of 75 put her into a three way tie with Chris Morris and Ellinson of Snow Canyon. The athletes from Snow Canyon would go on alone after the tough final round.

# Dog Sled Races at Wasatch Mountain State Park

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You've shoveled out your driveway for the umpteenth time and the mercury in the thermometer hasn't been seen above zero for so long you suspect it's gone south for the winter. Contrary to what most Utahns are muttering behind their wool scarves, this is weather fit for a dog — sled dogs.

The Annual Atta Boy Heber Valley Classic Sled Dog Race will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28-29 on the Wasatch Mountain State Park Golf Course, outside Midway, and five miles northwest of Heber City.

The \$3,000 purse event is expected to attract up to 50 top sled dog racing teams from around the West as the Rocky Mountain racing circuit gears up. Starting with the Heber race, the circuit moves on successive weekends to Leadville, Granby, and Waldon, CO, winding

up the last weekend of February in Jackson, WY. Teams from six western states will compete in three race classes over the two days, running for cash and points toward the International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) gold, silver, and bronze medal placings.

The Heber race this year is sponsored by American Nutrition Co., the Ogden-based maker of Atta Boy dog food products, and the Kanganark Mushers Club of Utah, the state's only sled dog racing club.

The race in 1989 offers four sprint racing classes, one more than in previous years, and one-day weight pull competition on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Drivers will compete in 8-, 6-, 4-, 3-dog events. The first three races are ISDRA sanctioned purse events, with \$3,000 in prize money

at stake. The 3-dog event in 1989 is a trophy race, encouraging participation by novice and hobby racers.

In addition to the races and Saturday's weight pull event, members of the all-volunteer American Search Dogs group will attend both days of the race, providing assistance and putting on search and rescue demonstrations between racing events.

There is excitement about this year's race because of the new event being offered, the continual increase in participants and spectators over the years, and the race date. Coming in mid-winter and the weekend after the Superbowl, we feel the race is a unique opportunity. It is a rich source of news and features for both broadcast and print media, coming at a time when football is over and the usual hockey-basketball-skiing coverage is in need of a pick-me-up.

# Wasatch County hopes for some 1998 Olympic events

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HEBER CITY — Wasatch County has a good chance of being the site of the luge and bobsled events if the U.S. is selected for the 1998 Winter Olympics, County Commissioner Pete Coleman reported.

He has been a member of the State Olympics Organizing Committee and the Olympics for Utah Committee, and now has been assigned to chair the Wasatch Olympics Committee.

He reported that officials in Park City, which is the first choice for the luge and bobsledding, told him they have as much as they can handle with the cross-country, jumping, and slalom events. Wasatch is the second choice, making it the leading candidate for the luge and bobsled runs if Park City definitely decides to give them up.

The most likely location for the runs would be in the Snake Creek area of Wasatch Mountain State Park, said Coleman. A study is now being conducted to determine the possibility of a tramway connecting Cottonwood Canyon and Park City,

with a branch to the Park he said. He pointed out that by 1998 the new U.S. 40 will be completed, with four lanes. U.S. 189 through Provo Canyon also could be widened to four lanes by that time.

He said construction on the runs must be underway within two years, before the olympics host country is selected. But even if the U.S. isn't chosen, if the State allocates funds to build the runs, they will be completed and used as permanent training facilities for all of North America, making Wasatch County a destination area.

Community leaders, representing various private and public interests in the county, will make up the Wasatch Olympic Committee. They will first meet with representatives of Summit and Utah Counties, who have already said they will support having the events in Wasatch County. If Summit County decides definitely to give up the two events, the Wastach Committee will then "make a pitch" to the Olympics Organizing Committee, Coleman said. He said he expects a final decision in about a month.